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Calif.

Dear Esther and Josh,
We are sending you the ms. for a paper which is based on experiments the first of which were carried out in Madison. We would be glad to have it published from your department and from ours, like the paper on K12 x coli crosses. If this is agreeable to you and also if you don't want to have it appear from your laboratory we would be most grateful if you would look it through.

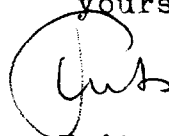
I wonder if you are behind the invitation which I received for a workshop at M.I.T. Sept. 21, 22 and 23rd on the properties of the bacterial surface. Your name has not been mentioned to me, but still it is for us the most plausible explanation on this generous offer. We certainly do not complain but are of course sorry that only one of us can go. I intend to go to Atlanta after the meeting and shall then return to N.Y. for some days for a visit in Dr. Goebel's lab. I should of course very much like to revisit Wisconsin for more sentimental reasons, but I am afraid that this will be too expensive.

We did repeat Wolfram's crossing experiment between two of his auxotrophic mutants following his latest personal directions, and did get some hundreds recombinant colonies out of the experiment. For obvious reasons we did not examine either the parent strains or the recombinants in greater detail, just confirmed that the ~~parents~~ parents would not grow on minimal medium and that recombinants arose.

I hope I am right when I believe that you will be in Boston at the meeting, if not, I really hope that not too much time will go before we see you again.

With many regards also from Ida

yours



Frits Ørskov

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oral discussion!